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Guidance from C/CMCG:

(U//~~AIUO~~) Our classification guide (citation HRO S-06) would not support classification of CIO/IMS/CMCG/CMS or IRRG/PRB. The language for HRO S-06 does not imply that organization names below the office level are classified unless they reveal size or capability and none of these alphabet soup organizational descriptor lines provide specific information on existing, planned or historical workforce structure or identifies organization size and capability. We do have an ability to protect from public release CIA organizational information including org charts below the very highest level. That doesn't mean they are classified however, only protected by the CIA Act or National Security Act. Even then we would only invoke that protection when it is in the best interest of the CIA.

(U//~~AIUO~~) For example, when public facing programs (such as PRB) are involved, its hard to imagine that we can't tell writers to contact the PRB because it is below the office level and therefore classified information. To tell former employees or other people who have signed CIA secrecy agreements that they must contact the PRB before they publish anything is more important than any perceived sensitivity regarding the name of the component.

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